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ANNUAL REPORT.

Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

Radcliffe,

September, 1957.

*To His Worship the Mayor and all the Members
of the Radcliffe Borough Council.*

I have the honour to present the annual report for the year 1956 on the health and sanitary conditions of the district.

The population, according to the Registrar-General's estimate, was 27,530. The adjusted birth rate was 15.5, and the adjusted death rate 15.1, compared with the corresponding rates of 15.7 and 11.7 for England and Wales.

The infant mortality rate was 22 per 1,000 live births, compared with the national rate of 23.8. There were no maternal deaths.

There has been no unusual case of illness during the year. Cases of infectious disease were very few apart from dysentery, which affected 3 schools. Their old fashioned type of sanitation has been or will be replaced by a modern system.

Managements of firms have been interviewed about smoke pollution, and some improvement has been effected, but the total volume of domestic and industrial pollution is still large, and it is hoped that the Clean Air Act will lead to a reduction of this serious nuisance.

The water and milk supplies have been generally satisfactory and there has been no outbreak of food poisoning.

The Council completed 97 houses and 4 flats, and private individuals 12 houses and 9 bungalows during the year.

Improvement grants whereby half the cost is provided by the Council and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government were approved in 47 cases at a total cost of £4,650 15s. Such property must be capable of providing satisfactory accommodation for not less than 20 years.

During the year 45 unfit houses were demolished either by agreement with the owners or as a result of Clearance Area procedure.

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Council and staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. H. T. WADE,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.**Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.**

Area (in acres)	....	....	....	....	....	....	4,915
Registrar-General's estimate of Resident Population, 1956	....	....	....	....	....	....	27,530
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1956) according to Rate Book	....	....	....	....	....	....	9,808
Rateable Value	....	....	....	....	....	....	£276,167
Sum represented by a penny rate	....	....	....	....	....	....	£1097

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.				<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	....	....		195	190	385
Illegitimate	....	....		7	10	17
				<u>202</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>402</u>
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	....	....	....	....	....	14.6
Adjusted rate	....	....	....	....	....	15.5
Still Births	....	....	....	1	3	4
Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still)Births	....	....	....	....	....	10
Deaths	....	....	....	211	168	379
Crude death rate per 1,000 of resident population	....	....	....	....	....	13.8
Adjusted rate	....	....	....	....	....	15.1
Deaths from puerperal causes :—				Deaths		Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal Sepsis	....	....	....	Nil.		Nil.
Other Maternal Cases	....	....	....	Nil.		Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	....	....	22
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			23.3
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			—

Neo-natal mortality :—

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	....	....	6
Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	....	....	15

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	....	....	....	....	64
„ Measles (all ages)	....	....	....	....	Nil.
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)	....	....	....	....	Nil.
„ Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	....	....	....	....	Nil.

Deaths according to Wards :—

			<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Ainsworth	....	....	18	18	36
Black Lane	....	....	75	52	127
Radcliffe Bridge	....	....	34	39	73
Radcliffe Hall	....	....	37	29	66
Stand Lane	....	....	47	30	77
			<hr/> 211	<hr/> 168	<hr/> 379

Mean Rates for the past 30 years :—

Mean Rate of 5 years	Per 1000 of Population				Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	Rate of Death under 1 year to 1000 Births
	Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Death Rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death Rate from Cancer		
				not available		
1920 to 1924.....	17.9	13.4	0.66	available	3.5	94
1925 to 1929.....	13.4	13.3	0.56	„	4.9	60
1930 to 1934.....	13.2	13.1	0.66	1.53	2.96	51
1935 to 1939.....	12.5	13.7	0.42	1.89	4.7	58.7
1940 to 1944.....	15.6	14.4	0.34	1.93	2.9	51.7
1945 to 1949.....	17.8	14.2	0.22	2.27	0.42	43
1950 to 1954.....	14.9	14.0	0.10	2.12	Nil.	32.4
1955	14.1	13.9	0.07	2.11	Nil.	27
1956	15.5	13.8	0.04	2.43	Nil.	22

The causes of death are as follows:—

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	Nil.
Measles	Nil.
Cancer	64
Diabetes	7
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	46
Coronary Disease, Angina	44
Other Heart Disease	79
Influenza	5
Pneumonia	13
Bronchitis	25
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4
Gastro Enteritis	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	4
Accidents	17
Suicide	8
Leukaemia	3
All other causes	58
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SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

The Lancashire County Council, under the National Health Service Act, is the responsible Authority for the provision and maintenance of local health services such as Child Welfare, Mental Health, Care of School Children, and Care of the Aged.

The Ambulance, District Nursing, Midwifery and Maternity and Child Welfare Services provided by the County Council are administered under the Divisional Health Service Scheme by the Divisional Health Committee No. 12 from headquarters in Bury.

Hospital facilities are provided and maintained through the Regional Hospital Board and Hospital Management Committees. Patients are admitted without regard to local authority boundaries.

The Borough Council is responsible for the provision of the remainder of local health services, and the whole of those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of environmental health. These services include:—

Control of Infectious Diseases (including Food poisoning).

Provision of suitable Water Supplies.

Control of food and food preparing premises (including the sampling of milk, ice cream and other foodstuffs for bacteriological examination).

Provision of sanitary accommodation to houses, factories, shops and other premises, and the provision of public sanitary conveniences.

Inspection of houses with regard to fitness for human habitation.

Detection and prevention of nuisances.

The prevention of atmospheric pollution.

Control of rat, mouse, and insect infestations.

The examination of milk, water, ice cream, and samples of other foods, and the examination of pathological specimens is undertaken without charge to the Borough, by the Public Health Laboratory Service, at the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

The number of specimens examined and the results are as follows:—

					<i>Number</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>
Swabs from suspected Diptheria cases and contacts	....				8	Nil.	8
Other specimens	....	....	....	....	667	293	374

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The following table gives the particulars of immunisation.

1.—No. of Individuals who completed a full course of primary immunisation during 1956.

AGE AT DATE OF FINAL INJECTION									
0—	1—	2—	3—	4—	Total under 5 years	5—	10—	Total aged 5—14 incl.	Total aged 15 & over
122	70	13	8	6	219	11	—	11	—

2.—No. of Individuals who were given a reinforcement injection during 1956, i.e., subsequent to complete course.

AGE GROUP				
0—	5—	10—14 incl.	Total 0—14 Incl.	Total aged 15 and over
19	85	1	105	—

3.—No. of children who had completed a course of primary immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1956.

Age at 31.12.56 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1956	1—4 1952—1955	5—9 1947—1951	10—14 1942—1946	Total under 15
Number Immunised	31	786	1593	1440	3850

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

The incidence of infectious diseases was low.

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified in 1956 and for the preceding four years :—

Disease	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Scarlet Fever	36	58	35	6	10
Diphtheria	—	—	1	—	—
Paratyphoid	—	—	—	9	—
Measles	190	237	39	541	18
Whooping Cough	151	20	49	27	29
Pneumonia	23	30	21	36	19
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	2	1	—	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	1	—	3	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas	2	7	4	6	6
Dysentery	110	35	9	44	190
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	13	15	6	18	7
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis....	4	—	6	2	1
Meninges	—	—	—	1	—
Food Poisoning....	1	—	2	7	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	1	—	4	1
Malaria (contracted abroad)	—	1	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases According to Wards.

Disease	Ainsworth	Black Lane	Radcliffe Bridge	Radcliffe Hall	Stand Lane	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	5	3	—	2	10
Measles	3	3	6	1	5	18
Whooping Cough	6	9	—	3	11	29
Pneumonia	2	5	3	5	4	19
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	1	1
Erysipelas	—	—	—	2	4	6
Dysentery	4	46	43	79	18	190
Pul. T.B.	2	3	1	1	—	7
Non-Pul. T.B.	—	1	—	—	—	1
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	1	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	1	—	—	—	1
	17	73	56	92	45	283

Tuberculosis.

The following Table shows the number of new cases and deaths recorded during the year :—

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-20	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-45	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
45-55	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
	5	2	1	—	1	—	—	—
	7		1		1		—	
	8				1			

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1956.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	Total Cases at all Ages	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED										Total Cases Remov'd to Hospital	Total Deaths
		Years								65 and over	Age un- kno'n		
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-				
Scarlet Fever	10	—	3	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	10	—
Measles (excluding Rubella)	18	1	5	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Whooping Cough	29	4	12	4	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia (Primary & Influenzal)	19	1	—	—	1	—	5	2	4	6	—	1	13
Poliomyelitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Dysentery	190	3	28	23	89	16	6	20	3	2	—	4	—
Erysipelas	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	3	—
Meningococcal Infection	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
	275	9	48	33	110	19	13	23	12	8	—	22	13

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Public Health Department,
10, Spring Lane,
Radcliffe.

To His Worship the Mayor and all Members of the Council.

I have pleasure in presenting to you a report on the sanitary circumstances and work carried out in the Borough by this department for the year ending 31st December, 1956.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

G. YATES,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

Water Supply.

The water supply for the greater portion of the area is under the control of the Irwell Valley Water Board, and is derived partly from deep wells and partly from water sheds.

Ainsworth is supplied with water from the Bolton Corporation Water Board.

Mr. R. Wyllie, M.I.C.E., Engineer and Manager, has kindly given me the following particulars with regard to the Irwell Valley Water Board:—

Examinations made during the year	(a) Raw Water.
1956	Bacteriological. No. 48.
	Results: Unsatisfactory
	without treatment.
	Chemical Analysis. No. 11.
	Results: Satisfactory.
	(b) Water going into
	supply where
	treatment is in-
	stalled.
	Bacteriological. No. 44.
	Results: Satisfactory.
	Chemical Analysis. No. 33.
	Results: Satisfactory.

Action taken in respect of any form
on contamination of:

(a) Public Supplies	All water Chlorinated.
Any liability to Plumbo-Solvent action?	Yes.
If so, give facts as to contamina- tion by lead, and the precautions taken, including number and results of analysis	Water lime treated. No. 144. Results: Mainly satisfactory.
Extensions of water mains, etc.	3in.—632 yards. 4in.—199 yards.
Renewal of water mains, etc.	4in.—29 yards. 6in.—860 yards.

M^r. H. R. Davenport, A.M.I.C.E., M.I.W.E., the Engineer and
Manager of Bolton Corporation Waterworks, has also kindly given me
the following particulars with regard to Ainsworth.

- (a) The water supplied to that part of the Borough of Radcliffe which
is in the area of supply of the Bolton Corporation Waterworks
Undertaking was satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.
- (b) The supply was from Springs and Dingle Pressure Filters, and
four samples of both raw and filtered water were subjected to full
chemical analysis, and 50 samples of both raw and filtered water
to bacteriological examination by the Borough Analyst. The results
showed that general filtration and treatment of the raw water were
necessary, and that the filtered and treated water was of excellent
quality, B.Coli being absent in all cases in 100 mills. All water
is treated before passing into supply.
- (c) From tests made weekly the water was shown to have no significant
plumbo-solvent action.
- (d) No action was required to be taken in respect of any form of
contamination.
- (e) During the year an additional 494 yards of water main, varying in
diameter from 2in. to 4in., were laid within the area.

Sanitary Inspections and Statistics.

Number of inspections made during the year:—

Inspections of houses, etc., including re-inspections	2,264
Number of visits to infectious diseases	63
Number of houses disinfected	37

Number of Notices served :—

(1) Informal Notices	268
(2) Statutory Notices	7

Compliance with Statutory Notices :—

All the Statutory Notices were complied with.

Closest Accommodation.

Financial assistance has been given for the conversion of privies to fresh water closets since 1921, and a corresponding grant was sanctioned in May, 1938, for the conversion of waste water closets. With few exceptions the privies and pail closets that were within access to sewers and the main water supply had been dealt with before the outbreak of war, and steady progress was being made with the waste Water Closets when war brought this work to a standstill.

The following table shows the closet and ashpit accommodation at the end of 1920, and 1926, also at the end of each of the past four years, and demonstrates the conversions and additions made since the scheme came into operation in October, 1921.

	*1920	1926	1953	1954	1955	1956
Privies	1883	297	98	58	58	55
Pail Closets	260	272	70	70	70	67
Fresh Water Closets	2635	4979	9192	9337	9425	9551
Waste Water Closets	1642	1614	895	864	833	793
Wet Ashpits	1011	173	58	58	58	55
Dry Ashpits	909	808	278	269	263	235
Ashbins	1849	4289	8984	9103	9175	9300

* The figures for 1920 do not include the districts of Outwood and Ainsworth, which were added to the Borough in 1933.

Smoke Abatement.

55 smoke observations have been taken, and visits paid to the various boiler houses.

One firm have commenced operating a battery of water tube boilers to replace an existing boiler plant which was emitting quantities of black smoke. This has resulted in a big improvement.

It is gratifying to be able to see results after much hard work, and to know that firms are endeavouring to cut down atmospheric pollution.

Rodent Control.

The rodent operative has been fully engaged during the year, and much good work has been done.

1,415 visits have been made to premises, and the following summary classifies the work:—

Direct Poison Treatment—

[illegible]

Warfarin Treatment—

Amount laid	....	....	....	....	....	No. 1	4,076	ozs.
						No. 5	1,293	ozs.
Amount taken	....	....	....	....	....	No. 1	193	ozs.
						No. 5	91	ozs.

Sewers were given two treatments, 968 manholes being examined.

[illegible]

Class of Premises—

Local Authority	25
Dwelling Houses	358
Other Premises	80
Agricultural	18

Infestations—**Rats :**

Major	4
Minor	143

Mice :

Major	—
Minor	66

There is a free service to private dwellings, but a charge is made for treating business premises.

When this is considered against the cost of damage done by the rodents, especially to food, the cost becomes negligible. Owners and occupiers of premises would be well advised to take advantage of this excellent service.

Shops.

All food shops have been visited. The number and class of shop are as below :—

General grocers and provision dealers	100
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	24
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	1
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and pre-served meats, tripe, etc.)	41
Bakers and/or confectioners	39
Fried fish shops	28
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	57
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars, and similar catering establishments....	89
Others	5
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Disinfection.

37 houses were disinfected after infectious disease, and 18 houses disinfested for insects. The latter treatment was with D.D.T.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspectors).

PREMISES	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	26	27	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	202	91	—	—
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' Premises)	5	5	—	—
TOTAL	233	123	—	—

2. Cases in which Defects were found :

PARTICULARS	Number of cases in which defects were found.			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found	Re-medied	Referred To H.M. In-spector	By H.M. In-spector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences—					
(a) Insufficient (S.7.)	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	—	4	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Home-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL.	5	5	—	4	—

Outworkers.

Section 110.

Number of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	9
Nature of work carried out by out-workers—Making of Wearing Apparel	9
Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Nil.
Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Nil.

Section 111.

Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Nil.
Notices served	Nil.
Prosecutions	Nil.

SECTION E.

HOUSING.

Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(i) By the Local Authority	Houses	97
	Flats	4
(ii) By other Local Authorities		Nil
(iii) By other bodies and persons	Houses	12
	Bungalows	9

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(i) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	530
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	680

2. Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :

(a) Number found during year	80
(b) Total number (or estimated number) existing at end of year	529

3. Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit

150

2. Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954) :—

(i) Number of dwelling-houses demolished during year :—

(a) Unfit houses	45
(b) Other houses	Nil.

(ii) Number of persons displaced

110

3. Houses not included in Clearance Areas :—

No. of
Persons
Houses. Displaced.

(1) Houses demolished or closed during year :

(a) Housing Act, 1936—

(i) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 11)	Nil.	Nil.
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(ii) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners under Section 11, and still in force		8	28
(iii) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12)		Nil.	Nil.
(b) Housing Act, 1949—			
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 3(1) and 3(2)		Nil.	Nil.
(c) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953—			
(i) Closed as a result of closing orders under Section 10(1) and 11(2)....		Nil.	Nil.
			No. of houses
(2) Repairs during the year :			
(a) Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts			215
(b) Public Health Acts—action after service of formal notice —Houses in which defects were remedied—			
(i) By owners			7
(ii) By local authority in default of owners			Nil.
(c) Housing Act, 1936—action after service of formal notice (Sections 9, 10, 11 and 16) Houses made fit—			
(i) By owners			Nil.
(ii) By local authority in default of owners			1
(d) Housing Repair and Rents Act, 1954 :			
Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved, and Demolition Orders revoked (Section 1)			Nil.

4. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954) :—

(1) Number of houses at end of year retained for temporary accommodation and approved for grant under Section 7 Nil

(2) Number of separate dwellings contained in (1) above Nil.

(3) Number of houses at end of year licensed for temporary occupation (Section 6) Nil.

5. **Housing Act, 1949—Improvement grants, etc.**

Action during the year :—

	PRIVATE BODIES OR INDIVIDUALS		LOCAL AUTHORITY	
	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwell- ing houses or other Build- ings affected	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwell- ing houses or other Build- ings affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	48	48	—	—
(b) Approved by local authority	47	47	—	—
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	1	1	—	—
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	1	Refused	—	—
(e) Work completed	58	58	—	—
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above	—	—	—	—
(g) Any other action taken under the Act (give brief particulars).	None.			

SECTION F.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

There are three licensed slaughter houses in the district, but no slaughtering has taken place during the year.

Food premises are visited, and suggestions made for improvement and advice given.

At the end of 1956 there were on the register 133 dairymen or distributors of milk.

The following licences have been issued :—

Retail distributor of Pasteurised milk	28
Retail distributor of Tuberculin Tested milk	16
Retail distributor of Sterilised milk	120

The following table shows the amount of food examined and dealt with :—

Class of food.	No. of tins, bottles, jars, etc.	Weight				
		tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Fruit	100		2	—	18	6
Ham	40		10	—	27	10
Meat	122		4	—	11	13
Vegetables	73			1	24	14
Tomatoes	4				7	7
Tongue	9			1	15	14
Peach Pulp	78		6	1	14	—
Milk	52				24	10
Mixed Fruit	127		1	—	11	8
French Cherries			2	3	22	—
Cereals	2				1	—
Flour	54		1	2	14	—
Beef					16	—
Ham					7	4
Turkey	1				9	—
Syrup and Jam	2				2	12
Chicken	2				8	—
Creamed Rice	5				4	4
Tea				1	1	8
Sugar					2	—
Fish	10				3	1
Margarine					2	—
Soup	8				5	12
779		1	10	2	2	11

The County Medical Officer of Health has kindly forwarded the following report :—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS, 1938—1950.

Samples obtained during 1956.

A total of 150 samples was obtained, consisting of 77 samples of milk (including six samples of Channel Islands milk), and 73 samples other than milk, comprising :—

1 Penicillin tablets B.P.	2 Custard powder
3 Camphorated oil	3 Seidlitz powders
2 Bread	1 Seidlitz powder (double strength)
1 Teacakes—brown	1 Fruit in jelly
3 Luncheon meat—canned	3 Lentils
2 Pork sausages	2 Suet
1 Sulphadimidine tabs. B.P.	2 British wine
2 Coffee	2 Tapioca
1 Beef Sausages	1 Sago
1 Olive Oil	1 Double Devon cream
1 Tincture of iodine	2 Almond oil
4 Mincemeat	1 Travel sickness tablets
2 Cooking fat	1 Coffee flavoured beverage
2 Liquid paraffin	1 Iron tonic (Blands Pills)
3 Ammoniated mercury ointment	1 Buffered aspirin
5 Butter	3 Parrish's Chemical Food
2 Jam	4 Dried fruit
2 Castor Oil	2 Table jelly
2 Dripping	

The samples were submitted for analysis to the County Analyst, and he reports that they were genuine with the exception of the following :—

No.	Type.	Result of Analysis.	Action taken.
N.5144	Pork sausages	Meat content only 54%.	Vendor interviewed.
N.5511	Milk	Deficient 10% fat.	Vendor notified.
B.7639	Milk	Fat 0.7%, deficient 76.6% fat.	Formal sample obtained. Further sample proved genuine. Dairy communicated with.
N.6109	Milk	Fat 2.75%, deficient 8.3% fat.	Vendor notified.
N.6457	Parrish's Chemical Food	Should be labelled "Chemical Food B.P. 1948 " or "Chemical Food B.P.C." Stated to be "a compound syrup of Hypophosphates of . . ." whereas it should read "Syrup of phos- phates of . . ."	Packers communicated with.

